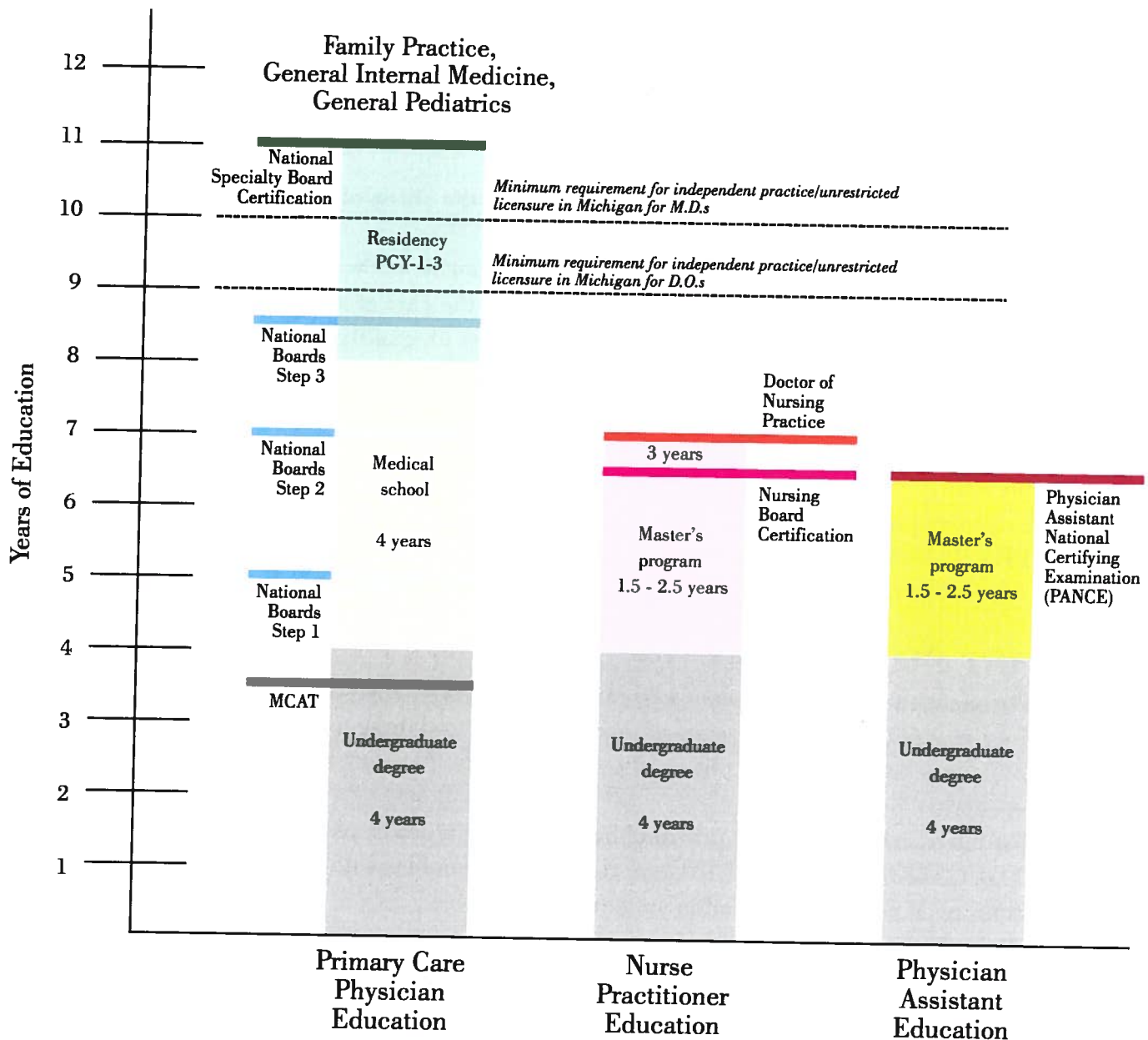




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## Why lawmakers should preserve Michigan's partnership in patient care:

- Laws in Michigan already allow advance practice nurses to prescribe medications with physicians' supervision and delegation.
- EDUCATION AND TRAINING should determine the scope of a health care professional's practice, not laws and legislation.
- In preserving the patient care partnership, Michigan stands with 40 other states in maintaining oversight and protection of people in the care of a doctor and nurse.
- Changing our current law would not improve access to, quality of or cost of care in Michigan... three goals doctors and nurses share.
- Reducing educational requirements for those who prescribe medicine puts patient health at risk, something doctors and nurses across Michigan work every day to prevent.
- Extensive pharmacology training is integrated into every component of a PHYSICIAN'S education, an intensity and level of training not part of an advance practice nurse's education.

### FAST FACTS:

- Physicians work a minimum of 11 years in EDUCATION AND TRAINING including four years of college, four years of medical school and three to five years of hands-on residency training. Some physicians train for up to 20 years, depending on their specialty.
- For the treatment and care provided by nurses, many fewer years of medical EDUCATION AND TRAINING are required. For nurses with the most advanced training, six years of education are completed.